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CHRONOLOGY OF THE FOUNDER, ROBERT BROOKE, HIS FAMILY AND THEIR PLANTATIONS; AND OF THEIR ASSOCIATIONS DOWN THE YEARS.

1602 — 1944

COMPLIMENTS OF THE PRESENT OWNER
OF THE MANOR-HOUSE.

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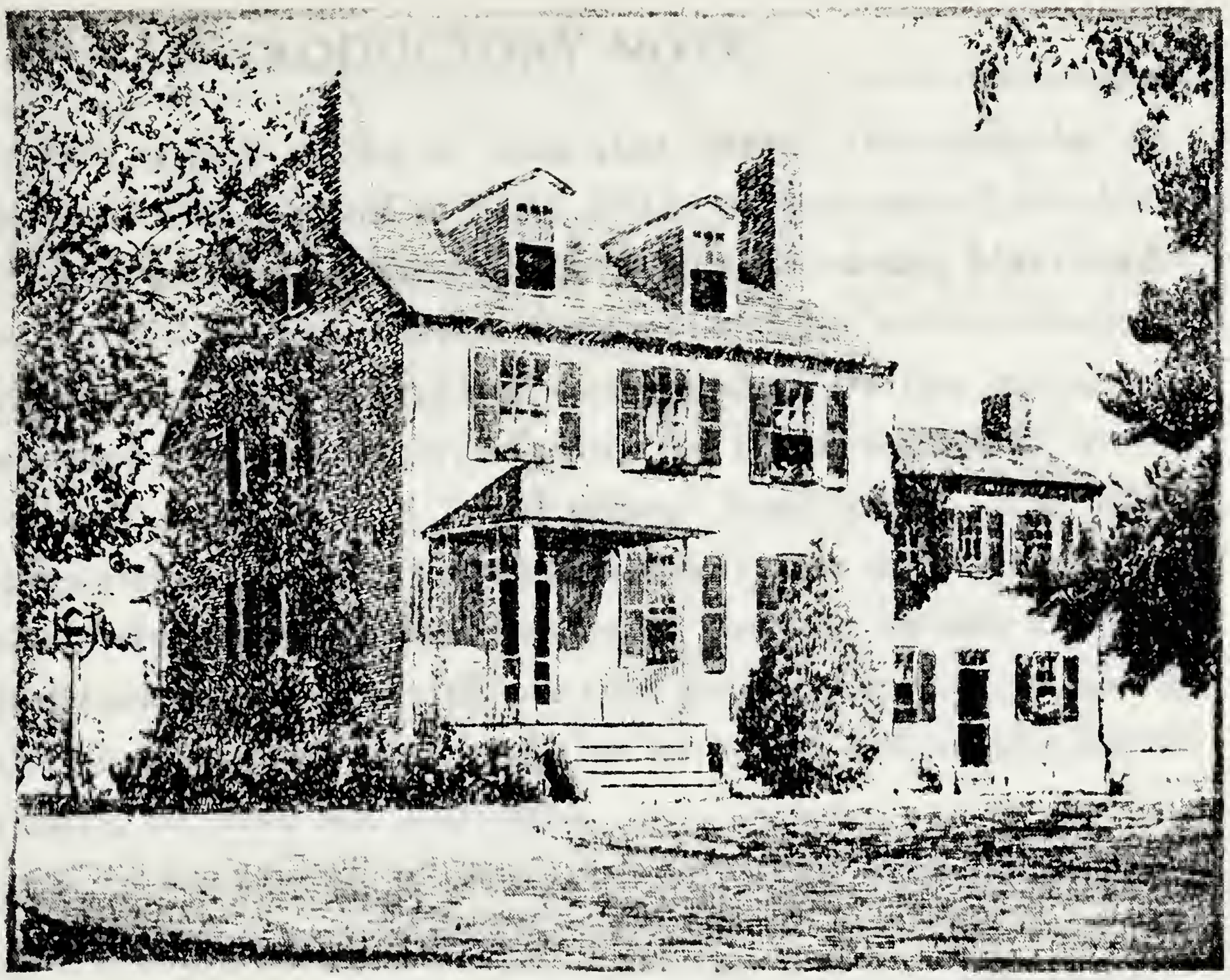

PRESENT DE LÈ BROOKE MANOR-HOUSE
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# De Lè Brooke Manor

## ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTRODUCTORY NOTE

It was surely a happy stroke of fate that caused the compiler of this list of dates to find himself in early 1927, part-owner of the historic Manor house of De lè Brooke, in St. Mary's County, Maryland. When in the winter of 1926-27 his brother and he were seeking a duck-hunting camp, their attention was directed to the property. The venture ended as a comparative failure for the slaughter of innocent ducks, but it resulted in a "gold mine," historically. On realizing the true nature of his new possession there was no other course open to him, on shortly thereafter becoming the sole owner, than to restore De lè Brooke to its rightful position among the time-honored Manors of the State of Maryland, and this he hopes, within the limits of circumstances, to have accomplished.

In the course of his pursuit of historical data regarding the Manor, the owner has collected a considerable amount of material, most of which has lent itself for summarizing for the present chronology. He consequently trusts that the selection of dates will present a fairly adequate conspectus of the life of Robert Brooke, of his Manor, of his family, and of their plantations in the Province. Obviously a limit had to be set, and to have included further details of a genealogical nature would have tended to upset the balance.

The compiler is greatly indebted to Dr. Henry J. Berkley of Baltimore, now deceased, for the results of his researches into the history of the various land grants to the Brooke family. The possession of Dr. Berkley's notes was in fact the inspiration for this short treatise. The compiler also takes this opportunity of expressing his deep gratitude to his cousin, Mrs. Ruth Krebs, until recently a member of the staff of the Hall of Records of the State of Maryland in Annapolis, for the loving interest with which she has cared for and improved the Manor house and its surroundings during the past few years. He is also warmly indebted to her daughter, Mrs. Zeannette K. Roberts, for generous stenographic assistance.

Robert Brooke was of a high type of English gentleman and it seems not entirely unfitting that after a period of nearly three centuries an Englishman who attended the same college at Oxford as Robert's father, should succeed to the proprietary and spiritual inheritance passed on to him by an owner in the direct line of descent from the stalwart pioneer who descended upon the shores of the Patuxent in 1650.

The compiler will feel deeply grateful to those who may become possessors of this pamphlet if they will favor him with any corrections or additions suitable for inclusion in the event of reprinting. The spelling De lè Brooke which the owner feels impelled to use in place of the commonly accepted form, "Delabrooke," derives from the original copy of the grant dated 1658 in his possession.

L. McCormick-Goodhart

De lè Brooke Manor House
Oraville
St. Mary's County, Maryland,
October, 1944.

(Texts of original documents relating to *starred* items are either in the compiler's possession or known to him. The title "Baltemore" is thus spelled in accordance with the general practice of the 17th and 18th centuries.)

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## CHRONOLOGY

| *Date* | *Event* |
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| 1602, Thursday, June 3, between 10-11 A. M. | Robert Brooke, 3rd son of Thomas Brooke, M.P. (member of Parliament), born in London. (Thomas Brooke matriculated at New College, Oxford University, on 26 Nov., 1581). |
| 1602 | Shakespeare produces Hamlet. |
| 1603, March 26 | Queen Elizabeth dies. |
| 1603, Dec. 1 | *Memorial brass to Robert Brooke's grandfather erected in church at Whitchurch, Hampshire. |
| 1605 | Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltemore, born. |
| 1606, (?1608) | Leonard Calvert born (2nd son of 1st Lord Baltemore). |
| 1607, May | Jamestown settled. |
| 1608, early in Sept. | Patuxent ("Pawtuxunt") River discovered by Captain John Smith. |
| 1611 | Shakespeare produces The Tempest, with American allusions. |
| 1612 | Thomas Brooke, Robert Brooke's father, dies. |
| 1616, April 23 | Shakespeare dies. |
| 1618, April 28 | Robert Brooke matriculates at Wadham College, Oxford University. (The illustrious British Admiral, Robert Blake, took his B. A. degree at Wadham the same year). |
| 1618, Oct. 29 | Sir Walter Raleigh executed. |
| 1619, July 30 | Virginia House of Burgesses first meets at Jamestown. |
| 1620, July 6 | Robert Brooke receives B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) degree at Oxford. |
| 1620, Dec. 11 | The "Pilgrim Fathers" land in the MAYFLOWER at Plymouth, Massachusetts. |
| 1623 | Nieuw Amsterdam (New York) settled by Dutch. |
| 1623, April 7 | King James I grants George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltemore, charter of Avalon in Newfoundland. Project soon abandoned. |
| 1624, April 20 | Robert Brooke receives M. A. (Master of Arts) degree at Oxford. |
| 1625 | George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltemore, converted to Roman Catholic faith. |
| 1627, Feb. 25 ("Shrove Monday") | Robert Brooke marries Mary Baker of Battle, Sussex. (Granddaughter of Sir Thomas Engham, of Kent). |
| 1628, Nov. 16 | Baker Brooke, eldest son, born at Battle, Sussex. |

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| 1628, Dec. 20 | Robert Brooke, now ordained, becomes Rector of Whickham, County Durham. |
| 1629, Oct. | The 1st Lord Baltemore visits Virginia with view to obtaining grant for a large area. He fails. |
| 1630 | Mary, eldest daughter of Robert Brooke, born. |
| 1631 | Robert Brooke a "Bible Clerk" at Wadham College. |
| 1632, April 15 | 1st Lord Baltemore dies. |
| 1632, April 15 | Charter of Maryland receives royal seal from King Charles I. |
| 1632, June 20 | 2nd Lord Baltemore receives the charter, becoming "Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland," named after Queen Henrietta Maria. (Actual founding of Maryland). |
| 1632, June 23 | Thomas Brooke, 2nd son of Robert Brooke, born at Battle, Sussex. |
| 1633, Nov. 22 | ARK and DOVE sail from Gravesend, Kent, with first colonists. |
| 1634, March 27 | First settlement at St. Mary's City and installation of Government of Province under Leonard Calvert, brother of 2nd Lord Baltemore. |
| 1634 | Mary, first wife of Robert Brooke, dies in giving birth to 2nd daughter, Barbara, at Whickham. |
| 1635, Feb. 26 | First Session of Maryland Assembly. |
| 1635, May 11 | Robert Brooke, clerk in Holy Orders, marries, secondly, Mary Mainwaring (spinster) of St. Giles-in-the-Field, London. She was daughter of the Dean of Worcester, later Bishop of St. David's. |
| 1635 | Robert Brooke becomes Prebendary Brooke of Tralling (?Tal-y-llyn), Breconshire, Wales. |
| 1636 | Charles, 3rd son of Robert Brooke, born. |
| 1636 | Harvard College founded. |
| 1637 | Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltemore, born. |
| 1637, Sept. 20 | Roger, 4th son of Robert Brooke, born at Brecknock "College," Wales. |
| 1639 | Robert Brooke, 5th son, born. |
| 1640 | John Brooke, 6th son, born. |
| 1642-6 | First Civil War in England. |
| 1643 | Louis XIV, King of France. |
| 1643 | Governor Leonard Calvert driven from Province by William Ingle. |
| 1643 | William, 7th son of Robert, born. |

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| 1644, Oct. 19 | King Charles I spends the night with Robert Brooke at Whitchurch, Hampshire, when in pursuit of the Parliament General Waller a few days before the second battle of Newbury. |
| 1645 | Anne, 3rd daughter of Robert Brooke, born. |
| 1647, June 9 | Leonard Calvert, first Governor, dies. Thomas Greene appointed successor. |
| 1648, Jan. | Mistress Margaret Brent demands a seat and vote in the Assembly. |
| 1648 | End of Thirty Years War. |
| 1648 | ffrancis Brooke, 8th son of Robert, born. |
| 1648-52 | Second Civil War in England. |
| 1649 | Founding of Annapolis. |
| 1649-55, (except for interval in 1652) | William Stone, a Protestant and partisan of Cromwell, Governor. |
| 1649, Jan. 30 | King Charles I executed. Succeeded by Charles II. |
| 1649, May 19 | Commonwealth declared in England. |
| 1649, Apr. 21 | Maryland Act of Religious Toleration passed. |
| 1649, Sept. 1 | The 2nd Lord Baltemore issues special warrant to Governor Stone for the granting of land to Robert Brooke. |
| 1649, Sept. 20 | *Lord Baltemore issues warrant to Governor Stone for the commissioning of Robert Brooke (a) to be Commander of a new County (Charles); (b) to be Lieutenant of the Province; (c) to appoint a board of six Commissioners to assist him; (d) to hold civil and criminal courts of law; (e) to act as conserver of the Peace and to appoint a Sheriff and Justices of the Peace; (f) to be deputy Commander-in-Chief of the forces; and (g) to construct fortifications against the Indians and foreign enemies.<br>*A similar warrant of same date authorizes the grant to Robert Brooke of 2000 acres of land for every ten persons brought to Maryland by him, up to fifty, and permits him to build churches and chapels on such land. |
| 1649, Oct., early | (It seems arguable that Robert Brooke set sail about this time for Maryland and that his brothers, Thomas and Charles, were among those who accompanied him, unless they preceded him). |
| 1649, Dec. | Thomas Brooke, Robert's brother (?), sues Nathaniel Hunt and others concerning shipment of two hogsheads of tobacco weighing 640 lbs. Suit adjourned. (at St. Marys City.) N. B. Robert's *son* Thomas was only 17 at this time. |
| 1650, Feb. 11 | John Buttery, carpenter, obtains judgment against Robert Brooke for 450 lbs. of Tobacco after about five weeks work. |

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| 1650, Feb. 13 | Suit brought by Lewin Bufkin on behalf of himself and others against Robert Brooke for wages due. |
| 1650, Feb. 18 | Charles Brooke, Robert's brother (?) appointed attorney for Robert. N. B. Robert's *son* Charles was only 14 at this time. |
| 1650, ? Feb. 18 | Two servants of William Mitchell obtain verdict of 1560 lbs. of tobacco against Robert. |
| 1650, Feb. end of | (It seems certain from indirect evidence that Robert Brooke set sail for England about this time to fetch his family and household). |
| 1650, Mar. 8 | Suit of Thomas Brooke vs. Nathaniel Hunt resumed at St. Mary's. |
| 1650, June 30 | *Arrival of Robert Brooke with wife and ten children and household of 28 persons (21 men, 7 women) to settle at his plantation "De lè Brooke," located on the middle Patuxent river in the "Cinquart" or "Cinquak" region of the Indians. Tradition has it that Robert also brought a pack of hounds. The venture was entirely at Robert's own cost and charge. |
| 1650, July 18 | Warrant issued to lay out for Robert Brooke 2000 acres on "South" side of Patuxent by "Cinquart." |
| 1650, July 22 | Robert Brooke and his sons Baker and Thomas take oath of fidelity. |
| 1650, July 22 | Robert Brooke takes oath of Councillor. |
| 1650, July 28 | "De lè Brooke" (not a Manor until 1658) surveyed for Robert Brooke. |
| 1650, Sept. 1 | Special warrant issued for the grant of "Brooke Place," 2100 acres, opposite De lè Brooke, to Robert Brooke. |
| 1650, Oct. 3 (a Thursday) | Erection of Charles County (named after King Charles) and appointment of Robert Brooke Commander thereof. |
| 1650, Nov. 20 | Inquest at St. Mary's City into suicide by drowning of John Clifford, one of Robert Brooke's servants brought from England. |
| 1650, Nov. 21 | Warrants issued to lay out 2000 acres for Robert Brooke on "South" side of Patuxent River at "Aquaseeke" (present Aquasco) and for 1000 acres for him on the "West" side "over against" the other tract. (The records are not however entirely clear as to the locations and areas included in these two tracts). On the same day a warrant was issued to lay out 1000 acres for Robert "at or near Mattaponi" above Aquasco ("Brooke's Reserve"). Robert was evidently entitled to 8,000 acres in all. (See 1649, Sept. 20). |
| 1650, Nov. 21 | *Erection of Charles County and appointment of Robert Brooke Commander thereof. (But see under 1650, Oct. 3. It seems probable Nov. 21 is correct). |

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| 1650, Nov. 24 | *Robert Brooke present at Privy Council Court at St. Mary's City (only mention of Robert Brooke's presence at the sittings). |
| 1650, Nov. | Survey of "Brooke Court," 2000 acres, for Robert Brooke on "West" side of Patuxent River in Calvert County. |
| 1651 | Charles II invades England and is defeated at battle of Worcester. |
| 1651 | From indirect evidence plantation at "Mattaponi" ("Brooke's Reserve") is already being farmed by Robert Brooke. |
| 1651 | Birth and death at "De lè Brooke" on the same day, of Robert Brooke's 12th child, Basil. |
| 1652 | Robert Brooke occupies "Brooke Place," across the river from "De lè Brooke." |
| 1652 | First war between English and Dutch. |
| 1652, Mar. 16 | *Petition by Robert Brooke to Governor and Council protesting a fraudulent survey by which Thomas Thomas and William Stevens had taken part of Robert Brooke's 2000 acres of land on the "North" side of Patuxent, 1000 acres of which had been exchanged for 1000 acres on the "South" side. |
| 1652, Mar. 24 | William Mitchell sues Robert Brooke for carpenter's tools belonging to him, taken to "Mattaponi." (Case respited till June). |
| 1652, Mar. 24 | Robert Brooke sues William Mitchell for payment of supplies furnished, claiming a penalty of 637 lbs. tobacco. |
| 1652, Mar. 29 | Commonwealth Government orders the reduction of Maryland to submission, requiring all writs etc. to be signed by one or more members of Council including Robert Brooke, president. Commissions of Governor and existing Council declared void. Three Parliamentary Commissioners take over the Government. |
| 1652, Apr. 22 | *Warrant by Council of Maryland signed by Robert Brooke authorizing Thomas Hatton to collect fees due him as secretary. |
| 1652, June 24 | *Assembly of Burgesses of Maryland summoned for first time under Commonwealth. |
| 1652, June 28 | *Order reinstating Governor Stone and appointing six Councillors, including Robert Brooke. |
| 1652, July 3 | Robert Brooke superseded as head of the Province while remaining Commander of Charles County. (N. B. Robert Brooke was president of the Council or "Acting Governor" for 97 days, or 3 months and a week). |
| 1652 to 1655 | Robert Brooke alternates with Richard Banks as Secretary to the Council. |
| 1653 to 1658 | Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of the Commonwealth. |

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| 1653, June 7 | Robert Brooke acknowledges judgment of 200 lbs. tobacco to Phillip Land. |
| 1653, June 8 | Robert Brooke sued by Robert Taylor for killing his hogs. Brooke given verdict. |
| 1653, June 8 | Robert Brooke petitions Governor and Council against George Ketcham and his brother for not supplying tobacco casks. |
| 1653, Aug. 8 | Deposition of Lewis ffroman, Robert Brooke's interpreter, relates to killing of wild hogs at De lè Brooke in the winter of 1650-51. |
| 1653, Sept. 28 | Robert Brooke discharged from membership of Privy Council and being Justice of the Peace, and from being "Commander of any County". Order creating (old) Charles County abrogated. |
| 1654, July 3 | *Order by the Governor erecting Calvert County. |
| 1654, July 22 to<br>1657, Mar. 24 | The Province governed by some twenty Puritan Commissioners. |
| 1654, Oct. 12 | Robert Brooke applies to the Assembly for settlement of expenses while Commissioner under Claiborne and Bennett. Awarded 1000 lbs. of tobacco. |
| 1654, Dec. 5 | Robert Brooke appoints John Hammond his lawful attorney. |
| 1654, Dec. 5 | Court orders Robert Brooke to pay Surveyor General 1850 lbs. of tobacco within 12 days (probably for work unpaid for). Robert Brooke also sues his neighbor Cuthbert Fenwick who is given costs. (N. B. This is last known litigation by Robert Brooke). |
| 1655, July 20 | Robert Brooke dies shortly after his 53rd birthday and is buried at "Brooke Place." |
| 1655, Nov. 28 | Robert Brooke's 13th and 14th children, Elizabeth and Henry, twins, born at "Brooke Place." |
| 1657, Mar. 26 to<br>1660, June | Josias ffendall, Governor under the Lord Proprietary. |
| 1657, Apr. 16 | Survey of "Brooke Ridge" of 1000 acres for Robert Brooke, Jr. (5th son, now about 18 years old). (Located in Prince George's County, Mt. Calvert Hundred, between Mattaponi Creek and (St.) Charles Branch). |
| 1658 | Thomas Brooke, 26, Captain of Militia, marries Eleanor Hutton born in 1642 in England. |
| 1658, Apr. 26 | Patent to "Brooke Place" granted to Baker Brooke, now 30 years old, and plantation erected into a Manor. |
| 1658, May 6 | Baker Brooke appointed to Council of Province. |

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| 1658, June 19 | *Patent to "De lè Brooke" granted to Baker Brooke and property erected into a Manor (the 18th in Maryland), with attendant privileges, at an annual rent of 40 shillings in silver or gold, or in commodities of equal value. (Original patent with present owner). |
| 1658, Sept. 3 | Death of Oliver Cromwell. |
| 1660, May 8 | Charles II proclaimed King. |
| 1660 | Thomas Brooke promoted Major of Militia. Birth of son, Thomas II, later Colonel Brooke. |
| 1660 | Village now known as "T. B.," on Southern Maryland pike, derives from initials placed on boundary stone by Thomas Brooke in this year. |
| 1660 (or after) | Roger Brooke, 4th son of Robert, marries Dorothy Neale, of Wolleston Manor, between Wicomico and Potomac Rivers. |
| 1660-61 | Philip Calvert, brother of 2nd Lord Baltemore, Governor. |
| 1661-1676 | Charles Calvert, later 3rd Lord Baltemore, Governor; Philip Calvert, Secretary. |
| 1662, July 19 | Council of Province of Maryland held at "De lè Brooke Mannour" with Governor in attendance. |
| 1662, Sept. 25 | "Ashburnham", 200 acres, surveyed for Thomas Brooke. |
| 1663, Nov. 29 | Mary, second wife of Robert Brooke, founder of De lè Brooke, dies. |
| 1663-1676 | Major Brooke a Burgess of the Provincial Assembly. |
| 1664 | Nieuw Amsterdam captured by British and renamed New York. |
| 1664 | Baker Brooke, 36, marries Anne Calvert, niece of Mistress Margaret Brent, whom he courted at the home of her brother Charles, later 3rd Lord Baltemore. (It may safely be assumed, therefore, that Mistress Margaret Brent may have visited her niece at "De lè Brooke"). |
| 1664, Apr. 6 | Survey of "Brookwood," 1350 acres, on "South" side of Patuxent and adjoining "Brookfield," for Thomas Brooke and Robert Brooke, Jr., 2nd and 5th sons of Robert, senior. |
| 1664, Apr. 16 | Survey of "Brookfield," 2530 acres, for Baker Brooke and Robert Brooke, Jr. |
| 1664, Apr. 20 | Survey of "Brooke Grove," 320 acres, on "West" side of "St. Charles branch" of Patuxent, for Roger Brooke, 4th son of Robert. |
| 1665-1673 | Major Thomas Brooke, 33, Presiding Justice and Sheriff of Calvert County. |

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| 1666, Aug. 5 | "Brooke's Discovery," 350 acres, surveyed for Major Thomas Brooke. (On "East" side of Patuxent and North side of Hunting Creek). |
| 1666 | Great fire of London. |
| 1666 | "Brooke Neck" 150 acres, granted to Major Thomas Brooke. (on branch of Fishing Creek, on "North" side of Patuxent near Lyons Creek). |
| 1667 | "Paradise Lost" published by Milton. |
| 1667, Mar. 13 | Survey of "The Wedge," 250 acres, for Baker Brooke. (part of De lè Brooke Manor). |
| 1667, Mar. 16 | *Survey of "Longfield," 100 acres, for Baker Brooke, (part of De lè Brooke Manor). |
| 1667 | Robert Brooke, 5th son of Robert, senior, dies. |
| 1668, July 3 | Survey of "Brooke's Landing," 490 acres, for Major Thomas Brooke, (on "Keescomkin" Creek. location unknown). |
| 1670 | Erection of new Charles County. |
| 1670, Apr. 8 | Survey of "Brooke's Point," 250 acres, for Roger Brooke. (on a branch of Brooke Creek. Partly owned by William Josephs whose deceased wife was the daughter of James (?) Brooke). |
| 1670, July 20 | Baker Brooke, with three others, appointed by Governor Charles Calvert as "Deputy and Commissioner" in charge of the Province. |
| 1671 | Charles Brooke dies unmarried and leaves "Brooke Place Manor" or probably his interest in it, to his brothers, Baker, Robert, and William. ffrancis Brooke, Robert's 8th son, also dies. |
| 1671 | Baker Brooke appointed Surveyor-General of the Province. |
| 1671 | George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), visits the Province. |
| 1672, May 1 | *Resurvey of "former De lè Brooke Manor" and other land for Baker Brooke, 5392 acres in all. |
| 1673, Apr. 12 | Roger II, eldest son of Roger Brooke, born. |
| 1674 | Patent issued for "Dann," 3697 acres, to (Major) Thomas Brooke, (on York Creek on Potomac River). |
| 1674, Feb. 6 | Survey of "The Wedge," 700 acres, for (Major) Thomas Brooke, (on West side of Patuxent River, above Benedict). |
| 1674, Feb. 6 | Resurvey of "Cross Cloath," 4351 acres for (Major) Thomas Brooke, (adjoining "The Wedge" in the Hundred of Mattaponi). |
| 1674, Aug. 5 | Survey of "Brooke's Partition," 1000 acres, for Baker Brooke, (on Branch of Hunting Creek near Fishing Creek). Patented same year to Baker and Thomas Brooke. |

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| 1675, Nov. 30 | Cecil Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltemore, dies. Succeeded as Lord Proprietary by his son, Charles, 3rd Lord Baltimore. |
| 1676, June 14 | *"Regrant of "De lè Brooke," "Backland," "Longfield," "The Wedge," and "The Last Returne," a total of 2850 acres, to Baker Brooke. (original document with present owner). |
| 1676 | Major Thomas Brooke dies at "Brookfield Manor," Calvert County (44 years old). |
| 1677 | John Brooke, 6th son of Robert Brooke, dies. |
| 1678 | Baker Brooke surveys "Governor's Friendship" at St. Mary's City for John Baker. |
| 1678-79, winter | Baker Brooke dies at "De lè Brooke" (50 years old). Will dated March 19, 1679. Ownership of Manor passes to Baker Brooke II, born about 1666. |
| 1679-May 1684 | 3rd Lord Baltemore governs in person. |
| 1683 | Thomas Brooke III, great-grandson of Robert Brooke, born at "Brookfield," Prince George's County. Later member of Assembly and High Sheriff. |
| 1684-89 | Four Deputy-Governors administer Government, with Benedict Leonard, later 4th Lord Baltemore, titular Governor. |
| 1684, Apr. 15 | *Survey of part of "Happy Hazard," 304 acres, for Baker Brooke II, about 19 (in Calvert County). |
| 1684, Apr. 15 | *Survey of "Summer Seat," about 195 acres, for Baker Brooke II. |
| 1684, Apr. 15 | *Survey of "Westfield," 150 acres, for Baker Brooke II (in Calvert County). |
| 1684 | Colonel Thomas Brooke II, 24, Justice of the Peace in Calvert County. |
| 1686, Apr. 10 | Survey of "Brooke Grove," 1000 acres for Colonel Thomas Brooke. ("Brooke Grove" now exists near Ashton, Maryland). |
| 1689-92 | Colonel Thomas Brooke, Deputy Commissioner. |
| 1692 | Maryland comes under a Royal governor, Sir Lionel Copley (who soon dies). |
| 1692 | Creation of All Faith parish which includes "De lè Brooke Manor." |
| 1693-1714 | Various presidents of the Council govern the Province. |
| 1694, April | Survey of "Brooke Chance," 81 acres (adjoining "De lè Brooke Manor") for Charles Brooke, 2nd son of Baker Brooke. |
| 1694 | Annapolis replaces St. Mary's City as capital of the Province. |
| 1695, Aug. 15 | Survey of "Brooke's Discovery," 489 acres, for Roger Brooke, possessors John Brooke and Roger Brooke, (almost certainly) his sons. |

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| 1698 | Charles, eldest son of Baker Brooke and his brother Baker Brooke II, 3rd son, die, the former unmarried. De lè Brooke Manor passes to Leonard, the surviving brother. |
| 1700, Apr. 8 | Roger Brooke, 4th son of Robert Brooke, dies aged 63. |
| 1700, Sept. 20 | Survey of "Brooke's Adventure," 600 acres, for John Brooke. (on South side of Battle Creek, probably present "Cedar Hill.") |
| 1700 | Colonel Thomas Brooke, now 40, made Commissary-General of the Province. |
| 1702 | Colonel Thomas Brooke made member of the High Court of Admiralty. |
| 1704 | The Roman Catholic Chapel owned by Robert Brooke (probably 2nd son of Thomas I), at St. Mary's City closed under the law. Robert confesses before the Assembly at Annapolis to celebrating mass after the closing. (Part of altar still preserved at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.). |
| 1705, Feb. 21 | James, son of Roger Brooke II, born. He married a Quaker, became one, and settled at "Charley Forest," Montgomery County, in 1728. (Tree of descendants of his 2nd son, Roger, has been printed). |
| 1705, June 10 | Survey of "Brooke's Lott," 50 acres, for Roger Brooke II, now 32 (on a branch of Battle Creek). |
| 1706, Oct. 2. | Survey of "Brooke's Battel," 300 acres, for Roger Brooke II, (named after Battle, Sussex). |
| 1706 | Patent of "Brooke's Timberwood," 700 acres, granted to Roger Brooke. |
| 1706 | Thomas Brooke IV, great-great-grandson of Robert Brooke, born at "Brookfield Manor." Later Judge of Appellate Court. (Tree of his descent and of his great-great-grandson, Lucien Culver's, descendants, in Library of Congress). |
| 1713 | "Brooke Court Manor" passes to Thomas Letchworth. |
| 1714-20 | John Hart, Royal and Proprietary Governor. |
| 1714-15, Feb. 20 | Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltemore, dies. Succeeded by Benedict Leonard, 4th Lord. |
| 1715, Apr. 5 | 4th Lord Baltemore dies. Succeeded by Charles, 5th Lord. |
| 1717 | "Brooke Grove" now owned by John Bigger. |
| 1717 | "Brooke's Partition" now owned by Richard Smith. |
| 1717 | Colonel Thomas Brooke owns 2000 acres of the total of 4172 acres of "Cross Cloath." |
| 1718, early in. | Leonard, 2nd son of Baker Brooke I, dies, De lè Brooke Manor then, it seems, passes partly to his son Charles (who leaves his portion to his three sisters), and partly to his brother, Baker's, three surviving children, of whom the third, Anne, was grandmother of Catherine Boarman (see 1782). |
| 1720 | Colonel Thomas Brooke, President of the Council and Acting Governor during Governor Hart's absence. |

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| 1720-27 | Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltemore, Governor. |
| 1726 | Robert Brooke (probably son of Robert II) becomes owner of 25 acres of "Chapel Freehold" at St. Mary's City. |
| 1727-31 | Benedict Leonard Calvert, Governor. |
| 1728 | Sandy Spring, Prince George's County, founded by James Brooke, II, (eldest son of Roger II) at age of 23, "Brooke Manor" house, built about this time as "Cherry Grove," still exists in the region. |
| 1730 | "Brooke's Reserve," about 600 acres, passes to John Bowie who renames it "Mattaponi." (see 1651). |
| 1731-32, 33-42, 47-52 | Samuel Ogle, Governor. |
| 1742-47 | Thomas Bladen, Governor. |
| 1751 | 5th Lord Baltemore dies and is succeeded by Frederick, 6th Lord. |
| 1753-69 | Horatio Sharpe, Governor. |
| 1758 | Roger Brooke IV, 2nd son of James Brooke and great-great-grandson of Robert Brooke, settles at "Brooke Grove," now consisting of about 15,000 acres. |
| 1768-76 | Robert Eden, last Proprietary Governor (married to a sister of 6th Lord Baltemore and great-great-grandfather of Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden). |
| 1771, Sept. 4 | 6th and last Lord Baltemore dies at Naples, Italy. |
| 1776-81 | Breaking of the ties with England. Maryland declares her independence July 30, 1776. |
| 1777, Mar. 17 | Birth at "Taney Place" opposite "Brooke Place" on Battle Creek, of Roger Brooke Taney, great-great-great-grandson of Robert Brooke, later Chief Justice of the United States. |
| 1782 | Catherine Brooke Boarman, great-great-great-granddaughter of Robert Brooke, who came into possession of "De lè Brooke" through her grandmother, Anne Brooke, marries Major William Thomas, Jr., member Maryland House of Delegates, born 1758. |
| 1784, Mar. 11 | James Brooke, II, dies. |
| 1785, Mar. 11 | James Thomas, later Governor of Maryland, born at "De lè Brooke." |
| 1791 | George Thomas, brother of James, born at "De lè Brooke." |
| 1797, Jan. 1 | Opening of Charlotte Hall School with "Richard Brooke" one of the Trustees. |
| 1810 | George Thomas marries Mary Tubman. |
| 1814, Aug. 18, 19 | British expeditionary force for the capture of Washington sails by "De lè Brooke" on its way to land at Benedict. The Manor-house was occupied by the enemy who landed horses at Horse Landing Creek adjoining. |

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| 1822, May 19 | James Thomas, later M.D., son of George Thomas, born at "De lè Brooke." |
| 1830 | Present De lè Brooke manor-house built of bricks made locally. |
| 1833-35 | James Thomas, senior, 28th Governor of Maryland. |
| 1835 | Robert Brooke's original Manor house torn down. The site can still be identified. |
| 1845, Dec. 25 | Governor Thomas dies. |
| 1852, Sept. 1 | Dr. James Thomas marries Sarah Clare Maccubbin. |
| 1856, Nov. 20 | George Thomas dies. |
| 1861-65 | The Civil War. Skirmishes around "De lè Brooke." |
| 1863, July 1 | Clarence Wood Thomas, son of Dr. James Thomas, sixth great-grandson of Robert Brooke and last family owner of the existing De lè Brooke manor-house, born. |
| 1864, Oct. 12 | Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney dies. |
| 1868, Dec. 2 | Dr. Thomas marries secondly, Anne Nelson. |
| 1872, July 8 | Mrs. George Thomas dies. |
| 1892, Oct. 18 | Dr. James Thomas, M.D., dies. |
| 1927, Feb. | De lè Brooke manor-house with foreshore property purchased by present owner from Clarence Wood Thomas. |
| 1934, June 9 | Unveiling of historical marker at "De lè Brooke" with address by Dr. H. Cuthbert Bazett, graduate of Wadham College (Oxford University), where Robert Brooke matriculated 316 years previously. |
| 1934, June 16 | Tercentennial of the settlement of Maryland celebrated at St. Mary's City. |
| 1934, June 17 | H.M.S. Dundee, "first British warship to enter the Patuxent since 1814," anchors off "De lè Brooke." |
| 1935, Jan. 16 | Clarence Wood Thomas dies. |
| 1939, July 8 and 16 | President Franklin Delano Roosevelt twice visits "De lè Brooke," tenanted at the time by the Hon. Harry Hopkins. |
| 1940, Nov. 30—Dec. 2 | The Marquess of Lothian, British Ambassador, spends the weekend at "De lè Brooke" and there writes, eleven days before his death, his final plea for American assistance in the great struggle for the democratic ideal. His speech was read in Baltimore for him a few hours before he passed away. |
| 1941—Summer | "De lè Brooke" lent as a happy home for a group of British children with parents engaged in war tasks in Washington. |
| 1944—Summer | "De lè Brooke" lent to members of the British Embassy and British Admiralty Delegation. |

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